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Seeking space

NYC churches struggle to find places to gather for worship

NEW YORK (BP) — A New York City pastor says a recent ban on churches meeting in schools, though troubling for constitutional and practical reasons, is an unprecedented occasion for believers to demonstrate the love of Christ.

"I personally believe this is the beginning of great things that God wants to do in New York," Ray Parascando, pastor of Crossroads Church in Staten Island, N.Y., told Baptist Press (BP). "I think this is not a setback. This is a major opportunity for the church to strengthen within as people kind of rally together and depend on God like never before and to renew and reignite our passion to reach the city like never before."

Effective Feb. 12, the New York City Department of Education is banning the use of public schools by religious organizations, citing a need to protect the minds of "impressionable youth."

"There's such a need for the church to step out, not in a rallying sense but in a loving sense," Parascando said.

Crossroads Church, a Southern Baptist congregation founded in 2002, has been meeting in the Public School 52 auditorium for more than four years, averaging 250 people in worship on Sundays. If the ban is not reversed, the church will have to transition to another meeting space.

"As of now, we're hoping to lease an abandoned movie theater, but we're still waiting for the final paperwork to go through," Parascando said. "Right now we're still up in the air."

Finding appropriate space for a church to meet in New York City is extremely difficult, Parascando said.

"If you're looking for an apartment for a family of four, you can find that," he said, but finding a space for 250 people is a different story, especially when appropriate

space for children is needed. Doing children's ministry in a theater "is going to stifle us a bit, so we're going to need to be creative," he said.

Crossroads Church has a good relationship with the Department of Education as a whole, Parascando said, thanks in part to a Southern Baptist initiative called Paint the Town. Crossroads Church has helped paint 16 public schools in all five boroughs, including the borough in which they meet.

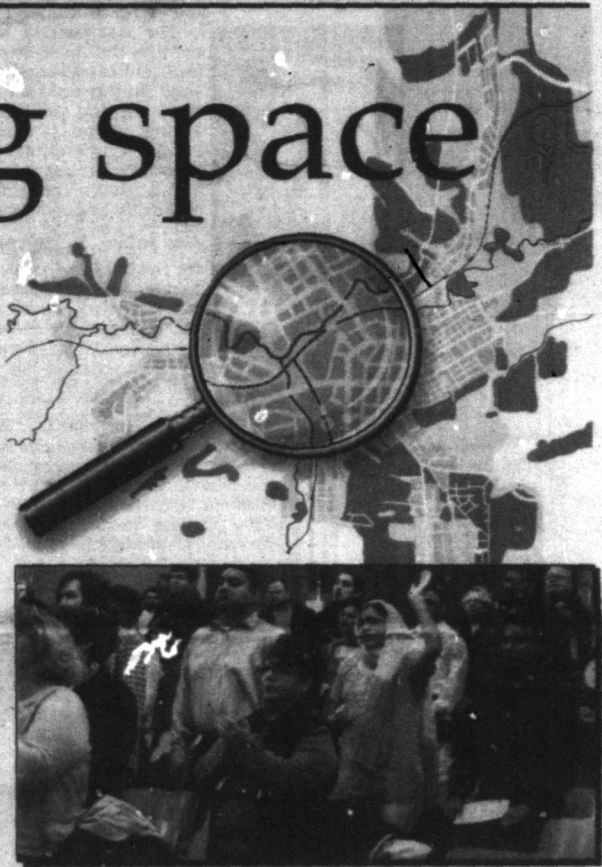
"We do a sports camp in the summer that's free for the community. We do a Friday after school program," he said. "There are a lot of things we do in the community, so the school loves us because we're catering to the kids."

The ban on churches meeting in schools, Parascando said, is a bad idea in several ways. For one, it's unconstitutional, he pointed out. "You can't say that a soccer team can use the school but a church can't. You can't say Girl Scouts can meet there but the church can't. It's unconstitutional to single out one group over another. It's just not right," he said.

"If it was done to any other faith, for example if this was happening to Muslims, this would be a major national issue. There would be major push back on it," Parascando said, "but because it's the Christian church, it's labeled as, 'They're just trying to get something for free.'"

A New York Times opinion piece contained misinformation, he said, when the writer portrayed churches as using public schools for free. Instead, churches pay between \$1,500 and \$2,000 per month to meet in the schools, which Parascando said is a fair price for the churches and "a nice extra flow of income" for the city.

"Economically, it doesn't make sense for the city of New York to do this," Parascando said. "They cry about their lack of budget to pay teachers.



EVICTED — Crossroads Church, a Southern Baptist congregation in Staten Island, N.Y., has been meeting in the Public School 52 auditorium for more than four years. If a recent New York City ban on churches meeting in public schools is not reversed, Crossroads will have to transition to another meeting space effective Feb. 12. (BP photo)

They cut the custodial budget every year. ...This is bringing money into the system."

More importantly, the pastor said, New York's ban sends a message that this sort of regulation is acceptable. He fears that this will serve as a precedent for further restricting churches' access to public facilities as well as for school boards in other states adopting the rule for their districts.

"I know God has a plan no matter what, and when people try to persecute, God's going to use it for promotion," Parascando said. "When people accuse and try to discredit, God's going to use it to do more. He's doing that, but it concerns me as a Christian and as an American that our rights are being manipulated this way."

He hopes the ban will be reversed but if not, Crossroads will comply. "We're going to leave. We're not going to march or anything like that. The 12th is the last day we can be there, and then that's it. We don't agree with it, but we'll have to abide by it as good citizens."

"We're going to go one even better than that. Knowing all of this, we will still paint the schools this summer because we care about the children, we care about the faculty, we care about the Department of Education and what they're about, so even though we don't agree with a lot of their decisions, especially this regulation, we still want to minister in the love of Jesus Christ by serving," he said.



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The Sad Anniversary, 39th replay

The past Sunday marked the 39th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing the wanton destruction of human life in every state in America for the entire nine months of gestation.

Like every other year, pro-choicers marched in favor of abortion on demand, pro-lifers marched against it, and innocent blood continued to be shed.

The last part of that statement is the most important — innocent blood continues to be shed. In the middle of the constant arguing, political maneuvering, moral posturing, and bitter recriminations, innocent blood continues to be shed. Surely that's the part that so rightfully angers God:

• *Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. They pursue evil schemes; acts of violence mark their ways. The way of peace they do not know... So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. (Isaiah 59:7-9 NIV)*

• *There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community. (Proverbs 6:17-19 NIV)*

• *They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to false gods. They shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was desecrated by their blood. (Psalm 106:37-38 NIV)*

• *Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me. (Mark 9:37 NIV)*

• *If anyone causes one of these little ones — those who believe in me — to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. (Mark 9:42 NIV)*

Yet there are those who proudly celebrate the shedding of innocent blood from the more than 50 million U.S. abortions over the last 39 years.

"As we mark the 39th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, we must remember that this Supreme Court decision not only protects a woman's health and reproductive freedom, but also affirms a broader principle: that government should not intrude on private family matters," said U.S. President Barack Obama in an official statement from The White House.

"I remain committed to protecting a woman's right to choose and this fundamental constitutional right. While this is a sensitive and often divisive issue — no matter what our views, we must stay united in our determination to prevent unintended pregnancies, support pregnant

woman and mothers, reduce the need for abortion, encourage healthy relationships, and promote adoption," he went on to say.

"And as we remember this historic anniversary, we must also continue our efforts to ensure that our daughters have the same rights, freedoms, and opportunities as our sons to fulfill their dreams," he concluded.

In his chilling novel, 1984, the late George Orwell correctly predicted the advance of "Newspeak," or the art of removing all shades of meaning from words. While the President holds up legalized infanticide as a glorious victory for womanhood, health, and freedom, he also expresses his desire to "reduce the need for abortion ... and promote adoption." Well, which is it, Mr. President?

Equally as preposterous is the notion that Mr. Obama doesn't want government to intrude on "private family matters" — this from the man whose Obamacare universal health coverage is compiling individual's personal medical records into a massive government database and forcing religious groups to offer contraceptives free of charge to all employees, regardless of a group's established moral stance on that issue.

Finally, Obama applauds abortion for providing to our daughters "the same rights, freedoms, and opportunities as our sons to fulfill their dreams." Apparently abortion is, above all, the Great Gender Equalizer, but what does that sentence really mean?

Mr. Orwell, be still in your grave.

GUEST OPINION:



Conduct search appropriate way

By Thom S. Ranier, president
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Congregations across America call pastors to their churches in a variety of ways. As church polity varies, so do the approaches of calling a pastor. A bishop or other authority appoints some pastors. Sometimes an elder board decides who will be considered as the next pastor.

Many times, however, the responsibility for recommending a pastor to a congregation falls upon a pastor search committee. The search committee is typically comprised of lay leaders voted on by the congregation or nominated by some group in the church. Occasionally, the membership may include a current pastoral staff member.

It is this latter approach, the utilization of a pastor search committee, which I would like to address in this article.

When a pastor is contacted by a search committee, his life is often disrupted. Even if he has no sense of call to change churches, the very fact that a search committee contacted him at least causes him to pause. In some cases the contact is very disruptive to his life and ministry.

For that reason, pastors have shared with me a number of requests (and sometimes pleas) that they would respectfully ask search committees to consider:

• Understand the potential disruption caused by your contact of a pastor. Most pastors at least pause and pray when they hear from another church. They often include their spouses in the early discussion. They may wonder if the contact is indicative that God may be leading them to another place of ministry.

If a search committee contacts a pastor, at least be aware of the disruption that could take place. Perhaps it's not best to send 200 inquiry letters to 200 different pastors to see if anything sticks.

• Have a clear plan for the process of calling a pastor. Let the contacted pastor know that plan on the front end so he won't be left wondering what the next steps are.

• Prepare any questions before you contact the pastor. I have heard from many pastors who meet in person with

the search committee, as well as those who first communicate via phone or Skype. They are often frustrated at the randomness of questions asked, and how different members of the search committee don't know what the other members will ask.

• Do your homework thoroughly before showing up in the pastor's present church. Many congregations recognize a search committee immediately when they attend a worship service. These church members soon become worried, frustrated or angry at either the pastor or the inquiring church.

The presence of a search committee can be highly disruptive. Many pastors do not even know that a committee is visiting his church. He, too, is caught off guard.

• Communicate regularly and clearly with the prospec-

tive pastor. As long as the process is open, stay in touch with the pastor. Many times the greatest frustration is the lack of communication. One pastor recently told me that he resolved not to talk further with a church because he had not heard from them in such a long time. He assumed that they had moved in another direction. The search committee was shocked when they heard that information from the pastor several months later.

• If the search committee decides to move in another direction, let the pastor know immediately. A courtesy call, even an e-mail, will always be appreciated even if the committee concludes that the pastor is not a fit for the church.

Many pastors have told me that they thought they were still under consideration, only to discover sometimes later that the church had called another pastor.

There is no perfect way to call a pastor to a church. Regardless of church polity, mistakes and miscommunication will take place but these suggestions by pastors who have been contacted by search committees could prove very helpful.

At the very least, they could help minimize frustration and disruption in the lives of pastors and the churches they serve.

Feds demanding abortion drugs coverage

Obama administration forcing groups to include provision for abortifacients

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Obama administration has rejected appeals to overturn guidelines requiring health insurance plans to cover chemical and hormonal agents that can cause abortions, adversely affecting religious groups that have eschewed such coverage on pro-life grounds.

In its Jan. 20 announcement Friday, the administration also refused to expand what critics say is a too-narrow exemption for religious institutions opposed to providing birth control under preventive services.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) did make one concession: It will grant an extra year for compliance with the rule to nonprofit employers who presently refuse to cover contraceptives in their insurance plan because of their religious beliefs.

Those employers will have until Aug. 1, 2013, to abide by the requirement. The rule goes into effect Aug. 1 of this year for most other health plans.

Pro-life and religious freedom advocates decried the Obama administration's latest decision and found no solace in the one-year delay.

The announcement by HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius followed months of protests against an interim final rule issued Aug. 1 of last year. Under that guideline, HHS said the controversial 2010 health-care reform law — titled the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act but dubbed "Obamacare" by its critics — would require health plans and insurers to provide no-cost coverage of contraceptives, including those with abortion-inducing properties.

Sebelius said Friday she believes HHS' approach "strikes the appropriate balance between respecting religious freedom and increasing access to important preventive services."

Critics of the rule and the religious exemption did not agree. They say the religious exemption provided in the rule will not protect the conscience rights of such faith-based organiza-

tions as schools, hospitals, and social service programs — and some churches.

"This is bad news for freedom of conscience and for respect for the freedom of religion protections guaranteed in the American Constitution," said Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Liberty Commission in Nashville.

"Secretary Sebelius is stating that people who have religious convictions against contraceptives or particular types of contraceptives (cause abortions) will have a one-year reprieve before they will be forced to pay for health insurance for that which they find unconscionable."

"It's analogous to giving a man on death row a one-year stay of execution. You can follow your conscience for one more year. This is outrageous and I am sure it will lead many people to hope and to pray that there

will be a new secretary of Health and Human Services and a new administration to provide a reprieve from this squelching of conscience before the deadline arrives."

Under the new rule, all methods approved as contraceptives by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will be included in a range of services offered to patients free of charge. Those FDA-endorsed contraceptives include ones that have the ability to cause abortions — emergency contraception, such as Plan B; the intrauterine device (IUD), and "ella." Emergency contraception is also known as the "morning-after" pill.

Timothy Dolan, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said, "In effect, the president is saying we have a year to figure out how to violate our consciences. To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and forgoing their healthcare is literally unconscionable. It is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom."

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty has already filed lawsuits against the rule on behalf of Colorado Christian University and Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina.

Hannah Smith, the Becket Fund's senior legal counsel, called the one-year delay by HHS "a shameful attempt to kick the can down the road in an election year. Religious colleges, universities, and hospitals will never pay for abortion drugs in violation of their religious beliefs — this year or any other year."

Abortion rights organizations — such as NARAL Pro-Choice America and Planned Parenthood — applauded the announcement.

"All women should have access to contraceptive coverage, regardless of where they work," NARAL President Nancy Keenan said in a written release. "The administration stood firm against intensive lobbying efforts from anti-birth-control organizations trying to expand the refusal option even further to allow organizations and corporations to deny their employees contraceptive coverage."

"Emergency contraception is basically a heavy dose of birth control pills. While the normally two-step process can restrict ovulation in a woman or prevent fertilization, it also can block implantation of the early embryo in the uterine wall. The latter effect would cause an abortion, pro-life advocates point out. An intrauterine device (IUD) also can prevent implantation."

"Ella," though approved as emergency contraception by the FDA in 2010, is more closely related to the abortion drug RU 486, according to pro-life organi-

zations. Like RU 486, it blocks production of the hormone progesterone, destroying the placenta that provides nutrition to the embryo and causing the tiny, unborn child's death, the American Association of Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists says. "Ella" also can block implantation.

While opposition to the rule has been portrayed as primarily Catholic in its origin, Land and other evangelical Christians also have strongly protested. In December, Land joined 60 others — almost entirely evangelical Christians, plus two Jewish leaders — in a letter to President Obama affirming they are deeply concerned about the "contraceptive mandate," as it has become known, and its weak exemption for religious employers.

During a public comment period provided by HHS, Land protested in a Sept. 30 submission the use of taxpayer funds in support of abortion drugs and the violations of religious liberty and freedom of conscience in the guidelines.

In his September comments, Land pointed to Southern Baptists' long-standing support for the sanctity of human life and religious freedom. He cited 11 resolutions opposing abortion that were passed at Southern Baptist Convention annual meetings from 1980 to 2011.

He also referenced the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message, which says human life begins at "conception." The convention has approved numerous resolutions backing expansive religious liberty protections, most recently in 2005 and 2011, Land said.

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Commission of the
Southern Baptist Convention

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Looking back

10 years ago

For the first time, a group of Baptist "moderates" heads toward breaking away from a state convention to form its own convention, with a meeting planned for Apr. 18–19 in the Fee Fee Church, St. Louis.

20 years ago

According to a recent editorial in The Baptist Record, not everyone needs a computer. If your church doesn't keep records, purchase a bulletin, or if the pastor is not interested in producing better sermons or Bible studies, then a computer becomes an expensive paperweight, the newspaper states.

50 years ago

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2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Luke Ten: Twenty

Cancellation

The Transitional Pastor Training scheduled for Feb. 6-8, 2012, at Thirty-Eighth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, has been cancelled.

PASTOR APPRECIATION

For years the month of February has been designated as Pastor Appreciation Month. While there are other times throughout the year when you could express your appreciation to your pastor, this is a wonderful opportunity for not only the church to bless him but also to bless yourself through strengthening the relationship in expressing your care for his ministry. While some churches go to great lengths to show their appreciation for their shepherd during this month, some choose other opportunities and occasions to say, "Thank you!" It may be his birthday, his anniversary as pastor, maybe Christmas, or some other event. Some try to do something for all of these, while the reality is that nothing is required.

Being a pastor is no easy task. While the pastor may have a clear sense of a call from God and even a confidence in what God would have him to do and the way He would have him to do it, virtually everyone in the congregation and probably in the community has their own sense of what he should be doing, when, and how he should go about doing it. It is not easy and, in fact, it is impossible to meet all of those expectations. If the pastor messes up, which given enough time and opportunities he will, he is open to criticism from any and every one. If he is too aggressive, he is dictatorial. If he is a caring, consensus builder, he may be criticized for not being a leader. If he is a gifted and strong pulpiteer, he may be criticized for not being pastoral enough. If he spends most of his time connecting with the people, visiting in the homes, and going to all the events, he may be criticized for not spending enough time in the Word.

While there are no perfect pastors, the Lord's servants called and gifted and often doing their absolute best to serve God's people are worthy of honor and expressions of appreciation. Paul writes to Timothy in his first letter to the young preacher and says that those elders who are leading the people and especially in the things of the Word are worthy of double honor (I Tim. 5:17). During the month of February let me encourage you to try to find some way either corporately as a church or individually just out of the impulses of your own heart to express your appreciation and your care for your pastor. What can you do? Here are three simple thoughts that I would ask you to consider.

(1) Focus — I have had people to tell me and folks to even write and say well our

pastor is not worthy of honor or expressions of appreciation. I have had people to say things like well he never shows us any appreciation so why should we show him any. You may be right, but maybe on the other hand you have the opportunity to show and express appreciation. It is an interesting thing to watch as criticism seems to beget criticism and blessings seem to give birth to blessings. When I say focus I want to encourage you to look at his giftedness rather than his shortcomings. Focus on his devotion rather than his deficiencies. See his blessings more than his blunders.

(2) Find — Search for ways to express appreciation. The list could be endless. I have known of churches that gave various Sunday School classes throughout the church a day in the month of February to do something nice for the pastor. It could be children's classes who drew pictures and expressed kindness to their pastor and senior adult groups who found ways to let the pastor and his family know of their gratitude. But regardless of what anyone else does, you can find something to do. I have encouraged people from time to time to write anonymous notes or letters to the pastor. I am not talking about those kind of mean spirited, angry, and hurtful anonymous let-

ters, but take time to write one flooding him with kindness. It may be difficult for you to do because you may want to say some things about some personal experiences where a word helped you, a call lifted you, or the pastor walked with you through a dark valley. You may not be able to remain anonymous. That is fine, but you can find ways to let him know that his ministry is affecting your walk with the Lord in a glorious way.

(3) Follow — We live in an age where independence from any rule or anyone else's thought or influence is praised to the high heavens. We struggle to follow someone and we detest having to obey someone. The writer of Hebrews says concerning the leadership within the congregations of God, "Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls as they must give an account" (Heb. 13:17). The pastor needs around him and undergirding him as a part of his work people who have a spirit to follow Christ and recognize that Christ is at work in him.

It is so many of those men and women who did not just act as rubber stamps for everything that I wanted to do in the church but saw that the Lord was guiding me and came alongside of me to make my ministry meaning-



Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
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ful and at times more effective. For those who followed me when I knew what I was doing and where I was going, I am grateful. For those who followed me when I was stumbling along, seeking the will of God, and wanting to do what the Lord had in store for not only me but for all of us, you blessed me. For those of you who followed when neither you nor I had a clue as to what we were doing except we wanted to do what Jesus wanted us to do, I thank you and praise God for you.

Someone has suggested that being a pastor and leading a congregation is like trying to straddle a mud puddle with a wheelbarrow. For sure, it is a difficult task and a glorious work. Take some time this February and help honor your pastor as together you accomplish the task for the Lord.

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HOUSE TOPS.

Matthew 10:27 NAS

January 26, 2012

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Pray this day for...

Jan. 27 — Feb. 9, 2012

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

Pray for: **Aaron* and Tiffany Epps**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Brazil through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Robert* and Margaret Fortenberry**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in Botswana through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Megan Fraiser***, IMB missionary ministering to Southeast Asian Peoples in the United States through community outreach and encounter evangelism.

Pray for: **David* and Gloria* Glaze**, IMB missionaries ministering to Deaf Peoples in the United States through media consultation and promotion.

Pray for: **John* and Sonia* Grady**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in the United States through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Thomas* and Kerri Dewett**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in the Dominican Republic through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Alvin and Mary* Doyle**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Hungary as they serve other missionaries through member care.

Pray for: **Benton* and Ramona Hewitt**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in the United States through medical missions, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Raymond* and Cynthia Hodgins**, IMB missionaries ministering to Deaf Peoples in the United States through sports evangelism, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Jeffery* and Liesa* Holeman**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Peru through community, church and home outreach and encounter evangelism.

Pray for: **Janet Holloway***, IMB missionary ministering to European Peoples in Russia through student evangelism.

Pray for: **Daniel and Claudia* Hood**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in Kenya through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Clarence Frank and Phoebe* Harrison**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Honduras through church planting, church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Brian* and Felicia* Henderson**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Peru through church and home outreach and evangelism, and serving through regional office support.

*These International Mission Board missionaries claim Mississippi as their home state. The IMB missionaries listed in the HouseTops prayer calendar are currently active in 2-4 year terms or in career service.

2012 STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

JANUARY 29-30
BRANDON BAPTIST CHURCH - BRANDON, MISS.

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2012 Senior Leadership Lab

February 7

Garaywa Camp and Conference Center
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Choose from lab sessions centered around:

Grandparent Bible Storytelling; Remembering the Life of Jesus (for any stage of dementia); Developing a Model for Homebound; Single-Senior Ministry

Cost: \$10, includes lunch and handouts

Register for the Leadership Lab by February 1. Mail payment to: MBCB, Attn: Glenn Shows, PO Box 530, Jackson MS 39205 (OR Pay \$5 at the door, lunch not included). Lodging at Garaywa - 601-924-7034

LEGAL ISSUES CONFERENCE

February 20, 2012

Place: X-Tended Missions Network office, Hernando

Time: 7 p.m.

Purpose: *Provide guidance*

on legal issues churches face

Contact Alan Woodward, Pastor Leadership Development Department
1-800-748-1651, ext. 308
or 601-292-3308

Preregistration is requested

to provide adequate materials by e-mailing cwtaylor@mbcb.org.



	COOP PROGRAM	OTHER	TOTAL
ADAMS			
CLAY	1,702.51	6,805.78	10,608.29
CLY TEMPLE	9,352.94	17,000.44	41,193.38
CRAWFORD	1,620.00	97.00	2,595.00
FISK NATCHEZ	12,010.54	99,999.78	221,739.32
HEALING	1,000.00	20,010.00	21,010.00
MINNAPOLIS	10,511.24	1,094.00	16,605.24
MORGANTOWN	22,074.12	14,474.71	36,548.83
NEWARK	1,000.00	20,010.00	21,010.00
OKLAHOMA	939.00	7,782.60	8,721.60
STANTON	18,281.24	18,634.42	37,965.21
WASHINGTON	1,111.25	21,112.75	53,000.00
Total	101,969.25	271,112.75	553,000.00

ALCORN		
ANTONCH	8,745.48	11,117.96
BETHLEHEM	4,266.26	6,005.26
BULSHREEK	695.73	1,477.81
CALVARY	1,908.06	2,777.81
COLUMBINE	700.00	5,801.00
CROSSROADS CHURCH	700.00	700.00
DANVILLE	600.00	600.00
EAST CANTON	6,000.15	6,000.15
GREENSVILLE	1,908.96	7,674.42
PRC CORINTH	236,641.03	87,947.60
CLEVELAND	6,479.21	10,345.67
CLYDE	1,908.06	6,112.58
HOLLY	1,500.29	24,170.43
JACINTO	7,179.29	20.96
LAUREL HARBOR	1,908.13	2,467.75

RENO	287.57	85.71	1,173.25
NORTH FIRST	4,105.49	4,139.46	4,665.15
LIVELY HILL		643.61	661.11
CHURCH	600.00		
JOY	961.31		
NORTH CORINTH		2,153.31	3,286.66
RENO	90,119.49	100.00	214,000.00
CHURCH	5,985.76	123,433.14	1,689.10
RENO	8,115.22	22,152.51	20,467.76
RENO	1,769.00	1,769.00	1,769.00
NORTH CORINTH		700.00	500.00
DATE	21,553.48	38,742.23	80,002.71
THOMAS CHAPEL	8,045.86	4,108.47	12,154.33
CHURCH	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
RENO	1,796.34	804.41	2,600.75
UNITY	486.50	143.83	2,613.33
NORTH CORINTH	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00

WHEELING CREEK		WHEELING CREEK	
Total	1972-1973	1973-1974	1974-1975
Total	572,834.34	436,732.52	1,009,346.00
ATTALA			
ASSOCIATION		1,260.00	1,260.00
BEAR CREEK	2,291.00	983.00	13,740.00
BOWEN	2,212.42	4,967.00	1,000.00
BOWEN	171.43	2,976.00	620.00
CARSON RIDGE	150.00	430.00	600.00
COSTER	1,208.00	1,680.00	2,810.00
COUNTY LINE	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
DOOTY SPRINGS	3,994.99	9,491.24	13,686.28
DRENZER	6,694.82	5,007.41	11,043.33
FIELD			1,000.00
HILL	14,314.24	16,762.42	31,707.21
INCORPORUSKO	166,142.77	138,186.36	301,141.00

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2004	2005	2006	2007
1. WATER	120,788.90	130,878.83	6,794.67
2. WATER SUPPLY	6,937.92	3,863.20	1,362.13
3. WATER TREATMENT	24,985.81	21,799.49	46,735.71
4. WATER PUMPING	4,180.00	3,847.00	6,794.67
5. WATER DISTRIBUTION	1,180.00	1,180.00	1,180.00
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HEATLEY	7,140.00	1,170.00	1,170.00
ST. PETER	24,776.00	24,776.00	31,416.00
ST. JOSEPH	7,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00
ST. MICHAEL'S CHAPEL	5,570.00	6,204.00	11,804.00
CALVARY		145.00	145.00
COLLEGE HILL	7,011.00	7,011.00	7,011.00
CONCORD	5,004.21	5,004.21	12,991.86
DEARBORN	7,286.14	11,611.18	20,966.12
DEWEES RAY		799.00	799.00
DUNN HILL	3,804.00		
ELGIN	841.30	10,071.62	11,914.92
ELM HURST	60,000.00	5,440.79	65,440.79
EVANSTON CITY	5,917.38	5,917.38	5,917.38
EVANSTON	8,917.38	10,701.51	19,618.89
ST. PETERSBURG	21,361.74	17,578.14	38,940.88
ST. VARDAMAN		4,844.77	5,044.88
SOUTHERN BAPTIST	4,004.00	4,004.00	4,004.00
LAUREL	4,004.00	4,004.00	4,004.00

MACYDONIA	1,517.91	2,850.23	4,368.14
MARY	1,644.44	2,021.18	3,665.62
MT CATHARINE	1,644.44	2,021.18	3,665.62
MT MORIAH	1,427.83	2,277.50	3,705.33
MT TABOR	500.00	1,575.00	2,075.00
NEW BR	2,000.00	2,000.00	4,000.00
NEW LIFE OUTREACH MN	500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
NEW PROVIDENCE	2,125.79	311.29	2,437.08
OLD TOWN	4,696.00	6,066.00	10,762.00
PARADE	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
PIGMAH REST	250.18	441.18	691.36
PLASANT GROVE	250.18	116.18	366.36
PLASANT HILL	22,012.50	24,112.50	46,125.00
PLASANT RIDGE	311.36	1,766.25	2,077.61
POPULAR SPRINGS	1,851.50	241.00	2,092.50
ROCKY BRANCH	35.00	50.00	85.00

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POWELL	3,911.47	1,292.00	2,619.47
MIT MEHAR	3,866.48	1,400.00	2,466.48
MIT PISCAH	295.17	14,646.41	17,252.41
NEW HAN	2,916.90	1,454.91	1,461.99
NEW JER	2,916.90	76.81	1,440.09
PROVIDENCE	1,740.00	4,130.00	5,000.00
STOCKY	1,670.43	1,732.41	3,402.84
WEIR	92,074.34	9,275.48	101,349.82
Total	92,074.34	92,614.40	184,688.74

CLARE		434.54	434.54
ASSOCIATION	1,762.24	744.00	2,506.24
ANTIOCH	1,762.24	2,266.99	4,029.23
BUSCATIANA	4,015.99	1,340.00	5,355.99
CALARY	600.00	98.94	698.94
ENTER RIDGE			

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PIASANT GRIE	1,601.50	650.00	7,251.50
PIASANT HILL	21,143.71	20,700.00	41,843.71
PIASANT VALLEY	1,143.50	1,000.00	5,143.50
ROLLING CREEK	14,345.50	1,031.45	15,376.95
SHILBUTA	11,084.84	4,135.50	21,449.34
SHILOH	1,324.69	1,660.49	6,065.18
UNION	18.50	0.00	18.50
Total	277,666.50	210,891.72	488,558.22
COPAH			
ANTIOCH	1,595.79	1,836.98	6,632.62
BETH	1,372.00	12,809.61	21,180.61
COLONY LINE	8,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
DECATUR	1,791.91	1,712.61	5,292.54
HC CRYSTAL SPRINGS	116,867.90	6,185.88	176,083.78
HC HAZLEBURGH	20,000.00	34,411.30	54,411.30
Total	140,637.60	57,956.38	294,807.34

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SPRING HILL	1,488.55	1,657.00	1,495.15
STERN, HOPE	21,801.00	15,717.69	17,112.44
STERN, JIM	2,546.00	2,546.00	2,546.00
WELSON	21,456.44	17,706.22	42,162.66
ZORN HILL	17,582.63	18,079.14	11,461.27
Total	287,655.00	269,015.06	366,008.51
CONVERT DAVIS ASSOCIATION		2,425.00	2,425.00
ANDERSON	1,583.64		1,583.64
BASSFIELD	6,999.94	7,854.96	7,526.50
BETHANY	16,579.34	17,509.46	30,088.80
CAULSON	3,067.77		3,067.77
CHURCH	251.82	251.00	251.00
COLD SPRINGS	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
DONALD	5,183.84	10,455.48	11,829.25
ELDER			1,000.00

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UNION NORTH	1,000.00	1,600.00	1,700.00
UNION SOUTH	12,000.00	7,470.00	19,470.00
WILKINS	1,000.00	1,000.00	8,640.00
WHITELAND	5,331.31	14,164.40	1,000.00
WILLIAMSBURG	3,715.21	4,885.89	3,500.00
WILLOW GROVE	10,174.24	1,944.99	20,119.24
Total	338,825.74	314,935.55	653,118.24

FRANKLIN			
ALBANY	665.78	300.00	965.78
CONCORD	2,899.00	1,440.00	4,339.00
DANMUS CO	4,188.98	2,615.00	22,071.98
DEPOSITION	637.00	10.00	72.00
ELIZABETH	18,750.00	10,000.00	27,750.00
HAMBURG	1,907.50	2,750.00	6,342.50
HOPWELL	4,420.53	1,470.00	10,000.00

LOCAL CREEK	1,119.00	1,150.00	2,269.00
MEADOWS	2,014.00	11,124.11	13,138.11
NEW HOPE	1,014.00	1,000.00	2,014.00
NEW SALEM	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00

NEWLY	5,504.00	2,765.00	8,269.00
NEW BEGINNING	1,178.00	1,075.00	2,253.00
NEW LIFE	1,075.00	6,750.00	7,825.00
NEW LIFE	1,666.00	4,070.00	5,736.00
NORTHSHORE		2,114.57	2,114.57
PAIN	3,570.00	6,246.00	9,816.00
PAVE LEVEL	2,058.00	501.32	2,559.32
PLEASANT HILL		2,086.00	2,086.00
ROCKY CREEK	7,138.00	112,000.00	119,138.00
SANDY CREEK	34,441.51	25,500.00	59,941.51
SOUTHSHORE	1,619.06	2,546.54	4,165.60
UNITY	8,620.32	8,461.19	16,081.51
WEST SALEM		15,000.00	15,000.00
Total	408,517.08	343,857.94	752,375.02
GOLDEN TRIANGLE			
BAYVIEW	38,895.95	9,512.35	48,408.30

ALTESSA	10,197.00	4,055.86	14,252.86
BETH	2,000.00	4,285.71	6,285.71
BETHLEHEM	5,757.14	7,142.86	12,900.00
BUFFERS SPRINGS	9,715.25	2,780.00	12,495.25
CLAVY COLUMBUS	15,903.00	256.75	16,159.75
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CLAVY WEST POINT	10,270.42	10,612.88	20,883.30
CANAN	13,010.96	6,196.47	19,207.43
CEAR BLUFF	2,857.14	1,010.04	3,867.18
CHERRY GROVE	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
COMMUNITY	15,333.09	450.00	15,783.09
CROSSLINK CHURCH	41,527.00	6,010.50	47,537.50
CROSSLINK CHURCH	41,527.00	6,010.50	47,537.50
DOYLE SPRING	15,991.41	481.21	16,472.62
DOYLE SPRING	15,991.41	481.21	16,472.62
AST END	34,871.76	6,590.83	41,462.59
EMMANUEL	175.00	175.00	350.00
	1,700.00	105.00	1,805.00

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MACDONALDVIEW	36,492.50	2,110.77	57,403.97
MORGAN CHAPEL	11,588.65	18,147.86	45,351.51
MT VERNON	5,029.42	2,506.00	3,908.14
MT ZION	41,729.33	41,729.33	1,300.48
MURKINS CHAPEL	2,000.00	2,740.75	3,720.15
NEW COVENANT	2,200.00	2,550.00	4,720.00
NEW HAVEN	3,146.71	3,146.71	13,223.83
NEW LEX		753.20	
NEW MONTEPUL	8,771.10	8,116.00	2,187.10
NEW SALEM	50,826.14	44,654.70	96,480.84
NEW TRINITY	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
PELAGIAN HILL	32,435.45	15,833.20	48,268.65
PELAGIAN RIDGE	2,140.89	4,028.01	1,897.00
PELAGIAN VALLEY	2,703.14		2,703.14
PERSEUS CHAPEL	864.55	150.00	8,115.55
PLYMOUTH	499.13	1,200.00	2,259.13
SALT CREEK	1,152.22	1,152.22	1,152.22

OVERVIEW F&E	15,500.00	15,500.00	4,000.00
STANVILLE CHINESE	250.00	750.00	1,000.00
LA TLINE	2,450.11	1,617.89	1,000.00
STUBBS	2,450.11	2,450.11	1,000.00
TRINITY	2,450.11	2,450.11	7,001.17
WAKE FOREST	4,486.50	5,000.00	4,000.00
WILSON	27,118.18	35,000.00	35,000.00
WOODLAND	27,118.18	2,889.47	28,907.65
Total	1,575,531.57	865,440.13	2,440,971.70
GRAND COAST			
PAVISTA	30,136.37		30,136.37
SANTOVALA FELLOWSHIP	800.00	800.00	1,700.00
ST. JAMES	22,475.00	7,475.00	34,000.00
WYNDSON	1,700.00		1,700.00
THE AIRE	36,194.70	1,871.54	40,266.24
Total	94,306.07	9,146.54	108,372.61

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WILLOW HILL	27,274	180.00	1,524.24
NORTH HILLS	49,035	29,000.00	56,071.81
NORTH LONG BEACH	1,000.00	6,251.89	6,251.89
PASS ROAD	1,800.00	275.00	2,075.00
PEACH	540.00	2,487.14	2,927.14
PRINCETON	2,740.00	2,707.50	5,447.50
APPLE HERRY	2,740.00	1,462.00	4,202.00
RYLAND	2,225.00	1,462.00	3,687.00
WINSTON ROAD	3,000.00	2,140.62	5,140.62
SHORELINE PARK	1,440.00	134.95	1,574.95
FAIR	1,440.00	434.18	1,874.18
TRINITY	49,035	800.00	49,835.00
TUXTERNA	3,307.28	1,559.07	4,866.35

	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78
Total	488,185.56	488,051.74	1,068,148.98
HOUSE			
ANTIPOCH	741.19	1,334.28	2,027.97
BRULAH	3,415.34	2,566.76	8,192.10
CHIVARY	1,011.11	753.23	711.04
CHIVARY	606.71	556.78	11,704.77
GENEZEY	1,200.00	800.00	
HC DURANT	458.18		
HC DURANT	310.00	71,714.78	20,674.16
HC TULLA	800.00	8,765.00	30,675.44
HODSON	600.00		700.00
HODSON	800.00		
MC REILLY	2,807.26	11,748.74	17,418.00
MC REILLY	2,800.00	4,105.00	8,121.00
MC VERNON	257.23		

CORTON MEMORIAL	175.00	720.00	1,500.00
HICKS	1,800.00	1,250.00	3,000.00
PLASANT RIDGE	500.00	1,100.00	1,810.00
Total	3,475.00	35,000.00	129,310.00

	11/26/93	7/4/93	10/5/93
ALBANY HIGHS	42,040.43	37,278.03	79,698.66
ALBUQUERQUE	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
AVILA	4,374.70	5,000.00	17,440.42
CAMBRIDGE	786.10	5,613.30	5,775.90
EAST MEADOW POINT	7,935.00	7,935.00	17,441.10
LAKE ARROWHEAD	1,414.44	1,511.11	1,511.11
SHAWANEE	7,850.50	8,081.79	16,712.79
OKLAHOMA	33,110.92	15,861.48	48,977.40
PRC CALTECH	9,936.67	63,114.44	136,671.11
PRC CALTECH	5,178.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
PRC MISS. POINT	6,416.69	27,516.35	33,915.04
PRC OKLAHOMA SPRINGS	34,966.21	10,416.00	45,000.00
PRC OKLAHOMA SPRINGS	11,000.00	9,572.80	11,000.00
PRC PASADENA	117,103.35	97,572.80	214,572.73

JOE VIANI/AVE	90,419.93	89,907.92	184,317.85
PORT VANCE	147.60	147.60	295.20
REARVIEW CREEK	8,986.96	1,402.00	10,388.96
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FREEDOM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	2,717.33	4,672.33	7,389.66
GRACE CHURCH	1,755.00	550.00	2,305.00
GRACE CHURCH CLUF CAMP	6,007.24	6,007.24	12,014.48
GRACE CHURCH	6,007.24	6,007.24	12,014.48
HILLVIEW	31,466.43	24,129.05	55,595.48
INLAND AVENUE	21,994.42	27,792.80	49,787.22
INDIE/AVE	6,352.00	4,400.00	10,752.00
INDIE/AVE	6,352.00	4,400.00	10,752.00
LYNDHURST BLVD	9,037.88	9,241.03	17,278.91
LYNDHURST BLVD	9,037.88	9,241.03	17,278.91
LYNDHURST BLVD	9,037.88	9,241.03	17,278.91
MARTIN BLVD	7,778.42	2,869.28	10,647.70
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MARTIN BLVD	7,778.42	2,869.28	10,647.70
MCCLELLAN ROAD	300.00	1,151.00	1,451.00
MIDWAY	756.29	1,743.64	2,500.00
MIDWAY	756.29	1,743.64	2,500.00
MIDWAY	756.29	1,743.64	2,500.00

PATHWAY	1,314.98	1,288.00	1,642.98
PINE LAKE	1,450.00	1,461.00	1,711.91
PROSPERITY	895.40	895.40	1,150.00
KAHSAT HILLS	895.40	895.40	1,250.00
RED CREEK UNION	1,450.00	2,500.00	1,750.00
ROCK FA HIGHTS	28,444.52	25,171.24	34,616.78
SHILOH	19,133.71	19,133.71	24,143.39
TEMPLE	16,248.25	9,099.54	11,413.59
WADE	97,971.08	53,057.85	151,028.91
WOODHAVEN	748,829.80	609,531.70	1,358,941.19
ASPER			
ANTHROPAC	14,328.19	5,366.00	19,589.19
BAY SPRINGS	70,352.12	94,968.97	165,761.09
BETHANY	2,079.00	1,843.10	3,022.10

JOHN	18,982.19	31,777.47	51,687.44
DECARD	175.00	507.00	682.00
JOON	26,327.33	13,186.84	39,514.17
JOON	740.00	1,420.00	2,160.00
JOAN BOGE	1,644.00	407.00	2,051.00
JOE MOSS	2,781.56	2,419.80	5,201.36
JOE MOSS HILL	275.00	1,468.00	1,743.00
JOHN	7,664.27	2,067.00	9,731.27
JOHN BORG	4,105.00	4,935.00	9,040.00
JOHN COMO	4,400.11	1,747.75	6,147.86
JOHN	1,580.00	2,067.00	3,647.00
JOHN	1,794.43	1,808.54	3,602.97
JOHN ROSE	1,187.50	1,147.00	2,334.50
JOHN	2,222.22	12,556.57	14,778.79
JOHN HENNINGS	8,175.52	2,000.00	10,175.52
JOHN HOLLOWAY	2,047.68	4,902.78	6,950.46

SHADY GROVE FIRST	841.96	2,301.38	1,984.15
STONCE	1,990.75	3,215.76	6,165.25
UNION SEMINARY	4,800.00	7,772.80	7,802.88
TOTAL	187,575.76	214,040.93	401,162.39
INDEXES			
ASSOCIATION		4,400.00	4,400.00
BETHLEHEM	600.00	1,677.00	1,677.00
CENTERVILLE	2,000.00	2,906.04	17,506.04
CHURCH LINE	3,850.00	2,762.00	6,642.00
CASTLEVIEW	1,180.00	8,657.00	26,402.00
CASTVIEW	13,984.00	6,657.00	20,580.00
EMMANUEL	4,686.00	151.00	6,037.00
FAIRVIEW	15,120.49	8,094.14	24,014.63
FLORISSANT	96,277.72	9,899.00	9,899.00
MC ELROYVILLE		39,246.00	137,953.00

MC CAUSE	170,265.25	95,131.50	271,416.81
MC CORMACK	284,649.00	142,324.50	426,973.50
MC GEE	48,210.00	24,105.00	72,315.00
MC GOWAN	13,854.00	6,927.00	20,781.00
MC KEE	71,700.00	35,850.00	107,550.00
MC KINNON	19,900.00	9,950.00	29,850.00
MC KINNON	5,515.00	2,757.50	8,272.50
MC KINNON	37,199.87	17,866.18	55,066.05
MC KINNON	716.98	358.49	1,075.47
MC KINNON	12,214.63	6,107.31	18,321.94
MC KINNON	18,000.00	9,000.00	27,000.00
MC KINNON	54,862.50	27,431.25	82,293.75
MC KINNON	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00
MC KINNON	4,900.00	2,450.00	7,350.00
MC KINNON	87,868.48	43,934.24	131,802.72
MC KINNON	27,219.78	13,609.89	40,829.67
MC KINNON	12,214.63	6,107.31	18,321.94
MC KINNON	12,214.63	6,107.31	18,321.94

MAGNOLIA	18,825.21	10,844.10	30,771.30
MOBILE MEMORIAL	26,791.00	18,644.10	45,435.10
MONTGOMERY	8,162.62	1,812.62	9,975.24
NORTH HOPE	13,400.00	2,757.79	16,157.79
OAKLAND GROVE	13,187.57	4,994.25	18,181.82
PALESTINE	2,708.33	1,000.00	3,708.33
PATHWAY COMMUNITY	2,708.33	5,263.33	7,971.66
PECAN GROVE	7,800.00	1,373.00	9,173.00
PIKE GROVE	10,806.00	4,000.00	14,806.00
PRINCE GEORGE	1,700.00	1,700.00	3,400.00
PLANTWAY	51,162.62	4,771.43	55,934.05
PLANTATION	27,011.00	14,624.29	41,635.29
POWELL HEIGHTS	20,000.00	1,000.00	21,000.00
RAVENHURST	11,714.29	1,375.71	13,090.00
AND HILL	25,000.00	18,074.00	43,074.00
ROSELAND	1,800.00	1,700.00	3,500.00
SHILOH AND	1,800.00	1,700.00	3,500.00

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STOIBA	1,961.50	9,309.00	11,177.50
COOK	1,156.50	5,000.00	2,758.00
UNION MIL	1,078.00	1,540.00	1,540.00
YARDMAN	1,078.00	1,540.00	1,540.00
WHAHALA	500.00	0.00	500.00
WEST KEMPER	1,000.00	15,450.00	15,450.00
Total	57,354.81	86,188.00	117,248.50
LAFAYETTE			
ASHLEY		35,078.16	90,018.16
BAY SPRINGS	\$4,960.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
CALVARY	7,899.96	1,066.11	17,586.19
CLARK CREEK	12,901.34	15,855.29	24,314.84
CLARK HILL HEIGHTS	1,175.00	0.00	24,314.84
DELA	2,175.00	2,725.20	7,500.00
DELA	2,175.00	199.84	1,750.00
DELMAR	1,175.00	199.84	1,750.00
Total	37,461.30	57,668.44	168,930.03

IN. ANNEVILLE	17,951.50	28,709.05	46,660.55
IN. COLETON	239,844.83	82,171.94	321,016.77
IN. ELIZABETH	1,000.00	2,728.47	3,728.47
IN. FORT	1,178.18	11,803.91	12,982.09
IN. GREENCASTLE	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
NORTH CAROLINA	2,703,582.01	1,091,486.71	3,795,068.72

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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

Giving in a Greedy Culture

Deuteronomy 15 & 24

By Burn Page

One of my favorite Christmas movies is Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The story centers around Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserly old man who hoarded his money and never shared it with anyone. He didn't use his wealth to help the poor; he paid meager wages to his faithful employee; he didn't even allow himself to live a comfortable life. In essence, Ebenezer wasn't holding his money; his money was holding him!

Rising unemployment has created dire needs among many families and individuals. In our lesson for this week, the biblical writer is reminding us that we have an obligation to meet the needs of people our culture would prefer to ignore. Moses commanded the Israelites to help their fellow Israelites who were in need

rather than being tightfisted. I am writing this lesson on what is called "Black Friday," the big shopping day after Thanksgiving. While the day may be described as an opportunity to indulge in selfish consumerism, it also could be said that people are looking for the best deals so they can give more gifts to their spouses, children, and grandchildren. Instead of being "tightfisted" they are being "openhanded."

Moses wanted the Israelites to be openhanded to their fellowman who was not only their neighbor but was also their brother. Debt in biblical times was rarely due to irresponsible spending. It was caused by unavoidable circumstances like a crop failure or the sudden death of a hard-working husband. Children



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could be sold to pay off debt and, therefore, a widow would be bereft not only of her husband but her children as well.

The Sabbatical year of release was commanded in Exodus 23:10-11 and Leviticus 25:1-7. While these verses stated that the land was to lie fallow without any crops being planted, they did not mention the cancellation of debts. Some commentators argue that the debt or debt payment would be canceled only for that year since they would not be able to raise crops and have the money to pay. Most likely, however, the cancellation was total and complete.

Four reasons are given why creditors are to be generous to their fellow Israelites:

(1) They must remember God's kindness. Moses reminded Israel that God owns the land and that it was theirs mere as a trust (Lev. 25:23).

(2) They must obey God's word. This was not an exhortation; it was an order. The Lord

had kept his part of the covenant by giving what he agreed (promised); they must keep theirs by doing what he said (Brown).

(3) They must trust God's promise. This was directed to the creditor for he would have to act in faith and trust God to take care of him if he did not collect on his loans to others.

(4) They must love God's people. Relationships are important. The unfortunate debtor was also an Israelite and a brother and not to be viewed as an enemy.

Stingy people in the Hebrew community were told to avoid four dangers — a hard heart, a closed hand (v.7), an evil thought (v.9), and a grudging spirit (v.10). So this lesson is a priority check for all of God's children. Do our actions reflect the concern and compassion of our Father? How do we respond to the homeless, the beggar, and the immigrant?

We should always treat others with dignity and especially those who have suffered from unavoidable circumstances. In our text, when a creditor made

a loan, he could require a pledge (collateral) in case the loan was not paid. However, he was not to go into the poor man's house and choose what that pledge would be. The borrower took the initiative to determine his pledge, and in doing so, his dignity was preserved. If the debtor should offer his coat as a pledge the creditor was to return it at sundown so it could be used as a blanket for warmth.

Let us remember that we are but freed slaves who stand in eternal debt to our Lord. By his grace and mercy, he has released us (set us free) so let us show grace and mercy to people in low places when we have been blessed to live in high places. If we don't they may appeal to the Lord against us (v.9), and we will be found guilty of sin. Consequently, we may find ourselves looking up to people to whom we once looked down!

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EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Be Passionate

Deuteronomy 6:4-14; 7:6-9

By Melleen Moore

Being passionate is a strong desire to complete or accomplish a given task or event. To be passionate to know and serve God is an awesome undertaking. The beauty of that undertaking is it is also God's desire for every believer, as well. In our recent Sunday School lessons from Jeremiah, attention was given to Jeremiah's daily words from the Lord. Being passionate to converse daily with God keeps Him in the forefront of our thoughts and actions. Moses' desire was to reaffirm the laws of God while reminding the Israelites of His mercy and goodness.

Love That Shows Priority
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

As Moses prepared the Israelites to cross over Jordan

into the Promised Land of Canaan, the laws of God and obedience to them needed to be on their minds. Moses was concerned that the children of Israel remain faithful and obedient in the future generations. They were to establish a pattern for listening to God beginning with loving God first, knowing and thinking on the commandments, teaching them to the children and living them daily. The faithful few would repeat the Shema (verses four-six) twice daily beginning with — "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4, NKJV). They were called to love the Lord with their whole being — heart, soul and strength in a pure response of understanding leading to obedience. To sit, walk and lie down and rise



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up sounds like exercise and that is exactly what it was. Moses stressed to live the commandments and teach them to the children as a truly spiritual exercise. The Lord and His commandments were to be talked as a part of everyday conversation. Literally, having the words written on the hands, forehead or on the door post would be an outward expression of God's promise. However, it did not replace the need for God's law in the heart of man. With God's love in top priority, a natural response would be to talk about God as Lord with family and friends everywhere.

Devotion That Never Forgets
Deuteronomy 6:10-14

Moses was nearing the end of his life and had some important words for the children of Israel. They were to remember the Lord had brought them out of slavery to a bountiful land and to fear and worship God alone. He

continuously reminded the Israelites that the Promised Land that waited on the other side of the Jordan River was a gift from God. They were to embark on the land with faith and trust. The large and beautiful cities, the houses full of good things, the water wells, the vineyards and olive trees — none of these had the children of Israel worked to produce. This bountiful life of God's promise was for their pure enjoyment. They were warned that it is easy to forget the Lord in prosperity. Therefore, an oath to fear the Lord and serve Him would further prepare them for the encounter they were facing. The Israelites are reminded of idols and temptations that would be all around them. However, with hearts of devotion and obedience, God would reign supreme.

Grace That's Undeserved
Deuteronomy 7:6-9

God chose Israel as His people. He had a covenant relationship with them beginning with Abraham, Isaac, and

Jacob. That covenant of love and obedience was to be passed down to each generation. "For you are a holy people to the Lord your God," (Deuteronomy 7:6a, NKJV). The 'holy people' were described as set apart, a special treasure, and above all other peoples. The children of Israel were experiencing God's goodness and grace. The Lord had chosen to love these people 'for Himself' and expected their obedience according to the covenant. "If you love Me, keep My commandment" (John 14:15, NKJV). The Lord was willing to keep His covenant of mercy for generations to come. The children of Israel had been spared by the mighty hand of God and now God was ready to give them the land of promise. We, as believers, are to be passionate about our relationship with God as He chose to love and redeem us 'unto Himself,' even though we as sinners do not deserve it.

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JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto



2. Hardy Church, North Central Association



3. River Bend Church, Aberdeen



5. Moore ordination

1. The preschool children of Calvary Church, Bogue Chitto, presented *Hooray for Baby Jesus*. Danny Creel, music director; Hal Hatten, pastor. Shown are the participants.

2. Hardy Church, North Central Association, recognized those members who had perfect attendance in Sunday School in 2011. Shown are Randy and Suzanne Smith; and Guy E. Smart, who has had perfect attendance for four years.

3. The widows of River Bend Church, Aberdeen, were honored with a luncheon Jan. 12, with special guest Lynn Pigford as Bro. Shipper Thigpen. Shown are the participants.

4. The children's ministry of Raymond Road Church, Jackson, raised \$579 for their mission project in response to a challenge presented to them during their week at CentriKid. This effort served as proof that the theme from camp, God Provides, is true no matter where you are. Cindy Sansing, minister of children.

5. Hebron Church, Meridian, ordained Jimmy Moore as deacon on Jan. 8. Shown are former pastor Tommy Jones, Ann Moore, Moore, and pastor Richard Wallace.

6. New Hope Church, Foxworth, gave perfect attendance pins for Sunday School for the year 2010-11. Shown are B.B. Stringer, 56 years; Jimmy Thomas, 42 years; Chase Clark, 15 years; Sherrell Magee, 30 years; Nancy Thomas, 25 years; Kristie Smith, 14 years; and Dillon Smith, seven years.



6. New Hope Church, Foxworth



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STAFF CHANGES

1. New Hope Church, Walnut Grove, ordained Michael Harper as their new pastor Jan. 15. Participating pastors include, from left, John Sharp, Joe Able, Harper, Shane McGivney, and Dave Dowdy.
2. First Church, Brooklyn, has called Kyle Jones as pastor. Jones will begin his pastorate on January 22nd. Jones is originally from Lamar county and has served in churches there and in Forrest, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone counties before coming to Brooklyn. He received his education from Pearl River Community College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Southern Mississippi.

COLLEGE NEWS

1. The pastor of Legacy Church in Plano, Texas, Gene Wilkes, will be the guest speaker at the Evangelism Lectures at Mississippi College February 6-7. The Evangelism Lecture on February 6 begins at 7 p.m. in Provine Chapel and the public is invited. For more information on MC's Evangelism Lectures, contact Burn Page at (601) 925.3292 or Linda Street at (601) 925.3218.